



**Secretary of State
Office of Professional Regulation**

**DENTAL EXAMINERS
Collaborative Practice Agreement for Dental Therapist**

To be completed by Supervising Dentist verifying the Dental Therapist:			
Practice Name:			
Practice Address where dental therapy services will be provided:			
Practice Phone #:			
Population to be served:			
Supervising Dentist Name:			
Supervising Dentist License #:			
Supervising Dentist License Status:			
State of Practice:			
Professional Liability Insurance Name:			
Professional Liability Insurance Policy #:		Professional Liability Insurance Expiration Date:	/ /

To be completed by the Dental Therapist:			
Licensee Name:			
License #:			
Phone #:			
License Status:			
Professional Liability Insurance Name:			
Professional Liability Insurance Policy #:		Professional Liability Insurance Expiration Date:	/ /

Responsibilities of Dental Therapist and Supervising Dentist

The parties agree that:

- 1) The dental therapist will practice according to the parameters set forth in this agreement.
- 2) The dentist providing general supervision must be available for consultation but is not required to be physically present at the site where dental therapy services are provided.
- 3) The dental therapist working under this agreement and supervising dentist agree to maintain communication and consultation with each other.
- 4) The dental therapist will ensure that patient records are properly maintained and comply with applicable state or federal laws. The dental therapist will provide the dentist opportunities to review patient records as requested.
- 5) The dentist will review the records of patients treated by the dental therapist from the beginning of general supervision. Reviews will include records of all patients seen. Reviews must occur no less than once every 6 (six) months at a minimum. The dentist may determine the need for and conduct more frequent reviews. Subsequent reviews of records need only encompass patients seen since the last review.
- 6) Treatment provided will be limited to the dental therapist's scope of practice. When the patient's dental condition requires services beyond what the dental therapist can provide, the dental therapist will advise or refer the patient to obtain dental or other care.

The parties will have in place the following procedures, policies, protocols and criteria:

- 1) Age- and procedure-specific practice protocols, including case selection criteria, assessment guidelines, and imaging frequency.
- 2) Procedure for creating and maintaining dental records for the patients that are treated by the dental therapist.
- 3) Plan to manage medical emergencies in each practice setting where the dental therapist provides care.
- 4) Quality assurance plan for monitoring care provided by the dental therapist, including patient care review, referral follow-up, and a quality assurance chart review.
- 5) Protocols for prescribing, administering, and dispensing medications, including the specific conditions and circumstances under which these medications may be prescribed, dispensed, and administered.
- 6) Criteria relating to the provision of care to patients with specific medical conditions or complex medication histories, including requirements for consultation prior to the initiation of care.
- 7) Criteria for the supervision of dental assistants and dental hygienists.
- 8) Plan for the provision of clinical resources and referrals in situations that are beyond the capabilities of the dental therapist.

The Dental Therapist may perform the following oral health care services:

In accordance with 3 V.S.A Title 26, Chapter 12 §613 Scope of Practice, the following services are authorized: (the dentist and the dental therapist must initial)

	Dentist	Dental Therapist
Oral Health Care Services		
Oral health instruction and disease prevention education, including nutritional counseling and dietary analysis		
Periodontal charting, including a periodontal screening examination.		
Exposing radiographs.		
Oral evaluation and assessment of dental disease		
Dental prophylaxis.		
Mechanical polishing		
Applying topical preventive or prophylactic agents, including fluoride varnishes, antimicrobial agents, and pit and fissure sealants.		
Pulp vitality testing.		
Applying desensitizing medication or resin.		
Fabricating athletic mouthguards.		
Suture removal.		
Changing periodontal dressings		
Brush biopsies.		
Administering local anesthetic.		
Placement of temporary restorations		
Interim therapeutic restorations.		
Placement of temporary and preformed crowns.		
Emergency palliative treatment of dental pain in accordance with the other requirements of this subsection.		
Formulating an individualized treatment plan, including services within the dental therapist's scope of practice and referral for services outside the dental therapist's scope of practice		
Minor repair of defective prosthetic devices.		

Recementing permanent crowns.		
Placement and removal of space maintainers.		
Prescribing, dispensing, and administering analgesics, anti-inflammatories, and antibiotics, except Schedule II, III, or IV controlled substances.		
Administering nitrous oxide.		
Fabricating soft occlusal guards, but not for treatment of temporomandibular joint disorders.		
Tissue conditioning and soft reline.		
Tooth reimplantation and stabilization.		
Extractions of primary teeth.		
Nonsurgical extractions of periodontally diseased permanent teeth with tooth mobility of +3. A dental therapist shall not extract a tooth if it is unerupted, impacted, fractured, or needs to be sectioned for removal.		
Cavity preparation.		
Restoring primary and permanent teeth, not including permanent tooth crowns, bridges, veneers, or denture fabrication.		
Preparation and placement of preformed crowns for primary teeth.		
Pulpotomies on primary teeth.		
Indirect and direct pulp capping on primary and permanent teeth.		

<p>Limitations, or other understandings (if any)</p>
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Additional Information

The dentist and dental therapist shall retain copies of this agreement for seven years.

Unless modified before, this agreement shall expire on 9/30/odd years.

The following is not part of the rules:

Because of the nature of the relationship between the dentist providing general supervision and the supervised dental therapist practicing as permitted by statute and these rules, the Board of Dental Examiners recommends:

- 1) that each of the parties verify the license status of the other. This information is available from the Board's [web site](#), and from the Office of Professional Regulation
- 2) that the parties consider asking for references when they are not already familiar with each other's practice;
- 3) that the parties follow good business practices which may include verifying insurance status.

Signature of Supervising Dentist

I certify, under the pains and penalties of perjury, that all information I have provided in this application is true and accurate. I understand that furnishing false information may constitute unprofessional conduct and result in the denial of my application or further disciplinary action. The maximum penalty for perjury is fifteen years in prison and/or a \$10,000 fine. (13 V.S.A. §2901)
Signature of Supervising Dentist Date

Signature of Dental Therapist

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